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(U) Los Angeles – Man Injured After Jumping Out of Airplane at LAX

(U) A man is in the hospital after he jumped out of an aircraft bound for Salt Lake City as it was taxiing away from the gate at the Los Angeles International Airport. A United Express flight, operated by SkyWest Airlines, was leaving from the gate area when a male passenger onboard opened the door of the aircraft and exited onto the taxiway, according to airport police. Authorities first responded when the flight crew reported a passenger got up from his seat as the plane began taxiing. The male passenger was taken to the hospital to be treated for injuries and is expected to survive.

SOURCE: 25 June 2021, KTLA

(U) San Mateo County – About 15,000 Pounds of Illegal Fireworks Seized in Bay Area

(U) Authorities seized about 15,000 pounds of illegal fireworks and \$1 million cash and arrested two people last week. San Mateo County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested Jennifer Nguyen, 54, of San Jose, and Sam San, 61, of San Francisco during a two-day execution of search warrants, sheriff's office Sgt. Mike Leishman said in a statement. Nguyen and San are suspected of possession and selling dangerous fireworks in excess of 100 pounds, possession of dangerous fireworks in excess of more than 5,000 pounds, and possession of an explosive device.

SOURCE: 25 June 2021, Mercury News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Four More Suspects Held in Border Attack That Killed 19

(U) Reynosa – Authorities said they have arrested four more suspects in the weekend shootings in the northern Mexico border city of Reynosa that killed 19 people, 15 of whom appeared to be innocent bystanders. Prosecutors in the border state of Tamaulipas said the latest arrests came during raids that also freed 18 kidnap victims, four of whom are believed to be US citizens. In one raid police found 10 kidnap victims, two of them Americans. One man had been abducted three weeks ago and was still being held even though relatives had paid a ransom for his release. A US woman and her 3-year-old daughter were found in a raid on another house. They had been kidnapped when they entered Mexico to search for the woman's husband, who had disappeared earlier.

SOURCE: 25 June 2021, Associated Press

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – DoD Contractor Gets 23 Years for Leaking info to Hezbollah-Linked Boyfriend (U) Washington – A Pentagon linguist once attached to a special ops military facility in northern Iraq was sentenced to 23 years in prison for leaking the names of informants and other secret information to a boyfriend with ties to the Lebanese terror group Hezbollah. Mariam Taha Thompson, 62, had pleaded guilty in March 2021 to one count of delivering national defense information to aid a foreign

government. Thompson was introduced to the unidentified man by a family member in 2017. Though the two never met in person, they often spoke and texted each other using an unidentified secure

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messaging app. During those conversations, the man claimed to have a nephew who worked in the Lebanese government, as well as to have been in contact with members of Hezbollah. SOURCE: 25 June 2021, NY Post

(U) District of Columbia - Hacker Gets Seven Years for Stealing Credit and Debit Card Numbers

(U) Washington – A Ukrainian man was sentenced to seven years in prison for his role in a hacking group that prosecutors said is responsible for stealing millions of US credit and debit card numbers. Andrii Kolpakov, 33, was ordered to pay \$2.5 million in restitution. Kolpakov was arrested in Spain in June 2018 and extradited to the United States in June 2019. He pleaded guilty in June 2020 to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit computer hacking. SOURCE: 25 June 2021, Washington Examiner

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Court Sentences Louvre Machete Attacker to 30 Years

(U) Paris – A French court handed a 30-year jail term to a man who, in 2017, attacked soldiers with machetes outside the Louvre Museum in Paris. Judges issued a sentence in line with anti-terror prosecutors' demands for Egyptian citizen Abdalla El Hamahmy, 33, who did not react as it was read out to him via an interpreter. The court also requested a permanent ban from French territory and Hamahmy's name will appear on a government terror crime list.

SOURCE: 25 June 2021, RFI

(U) Germany – Man Arrested at French Border Planned Attack

(U) Berlin – A 21-year-old German has been arrested at the French border on suspicion of trying to buy a firearm in preparation for an attack. Prosecutors said the man, whose name was not released, was detained as he tried to enter from France. Authorities said the suspect had obtained several manuals for the construction of improvised bombs and incendiary devices and shared them with others, was on his way to Germany to purchase an assault rifle. Police seized the man's cellphone and cash he allegedly intended to use to buy the weapon, and his home was also searched. The suspect was ordered held in jail by a judge. Prosecutors said they had no information on where precisely the man allegedly intended to carry out the attack.

SOURCE: 25 June 2021, Associated Press

(U) Somalia - At Least 30 Killed in Al Shabaab Attack

(U) Mogadishu – An estimated 30 people died when Somalia's Al Shabaab group launched an attack in a town in the country's semi-autonomous state of Galmudug. The insurgents used car bombs in the assault on a military base, triggering a fight with government troops and armed locals. Thirty people, including 17 soldiers and 13 civilians, died in the fighting. The Somalia government condemned the attack and said 41 Al Shabaab fighters had been killed in the fighting as both the military and armed residents pursued the assailants. Al Shabaab claimed responsibility for the attack and said its fighters had killed over 30 soldiers and injured over 40 others.

SOURCE: 28 June 2021, Reuters

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